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Ca. 1890; Ca. 1910

Legore Quarry Workers Housing - Legore Bridge Road

Woodsboro, Maryland

Private

The Legore Quarry Workers Housing - Legore Bridge Road is one of at least 5 groups of workers dwellings near the Legore Quarry built in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. This group consists of 5 frame and 7 brick dwellings located on opposite sides of Legore Bridge Road. They share similar plans, materials, and details within each type.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance - 1870 - 1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning  
Economic (Industrial)

Resource Type:  
Category: District

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Legore Quarry Workers Housing - Legore Bridge Road

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 11900 & 12000 blocks Legore Bridge Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Woodsboro ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Multiple owners

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 12

(Typed on separate sheet)

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** Ca. 1890; Ca. 1910 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-8-83

Smith, F.M. Woodsboro Remembers, privately published, 1976.Williams, T.J.C. and McKinsey, Folger, History of Frederick County, Maryland,  
Vol. 2, L.R. Titworth & Co., Hagerstown, 1910, p. 1480.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Woodsboro, Md. quad.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting NorthingC 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximate boundary as shown on attached U.S.G.S. section map.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date May, 1991street & number 12 E. Church Street. telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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## 7.1 Description

The Legore Quarry Workers Housing - Legore Bridge Road is a group of 12 dwelling houses of two distinct types built in the late 19th and early 20th centuries on the east and west sides of Legore Bridge Road about 1/2 mile north of the Legore Quarry near Woodsboro, Maryland. Five of the houses are 2 story frame constructed with gable roofs and appear to date from the 1890's; the remaining seven are brick, four-square, hipped roof buildings apparently built about 1910. The frame houses are located along the west side of Legore Bridge Road and the brick houses are on the east side.

Four of the frame houses share an identical plan roughly square in shape with a gable facade on the east elevation. They are two stories in height with two bays in the principal facade. The entrance is centered between the 2 bays. Shed porches with turned columns are present on each house. The siding is clapboard and the roofs are standing seam tin with two interior chimneys. Most window sash is 6/6. Nearly all the houses have shed additions on the south elevations. The four houses are widely but regularly spaced along the road with similar set backs. The fifth frame house is unlike the others, being located off the road by about fifty yards behind screening trees and having a different plan. It is two stories with a rectangular plan plus a rear ell and the entrance in the long side. The exterior is also clapboard and the roof is standing seam tin. Several additions dating from different periods in the early 20th century have been built on the house.

The seven brick houses are located along the east side of Legore Bridge Road. Most have stretcher bond exterior walls, standing seam hipped tin roofs and three-bay main elevations. Entry porches are on all the houses. The window arches are segmental; all sash is 2/2. Some roofs have been replaced with composition shingles and two houses have vinyl siding. One house has a stucco exterior.

The housing group includes the following addresses, all are occupied except one of the brick type which does not have a visible address:

11821	11914
11823	11915
11832	11921
11910	11920
11907	12000
11911	Unnumbered.

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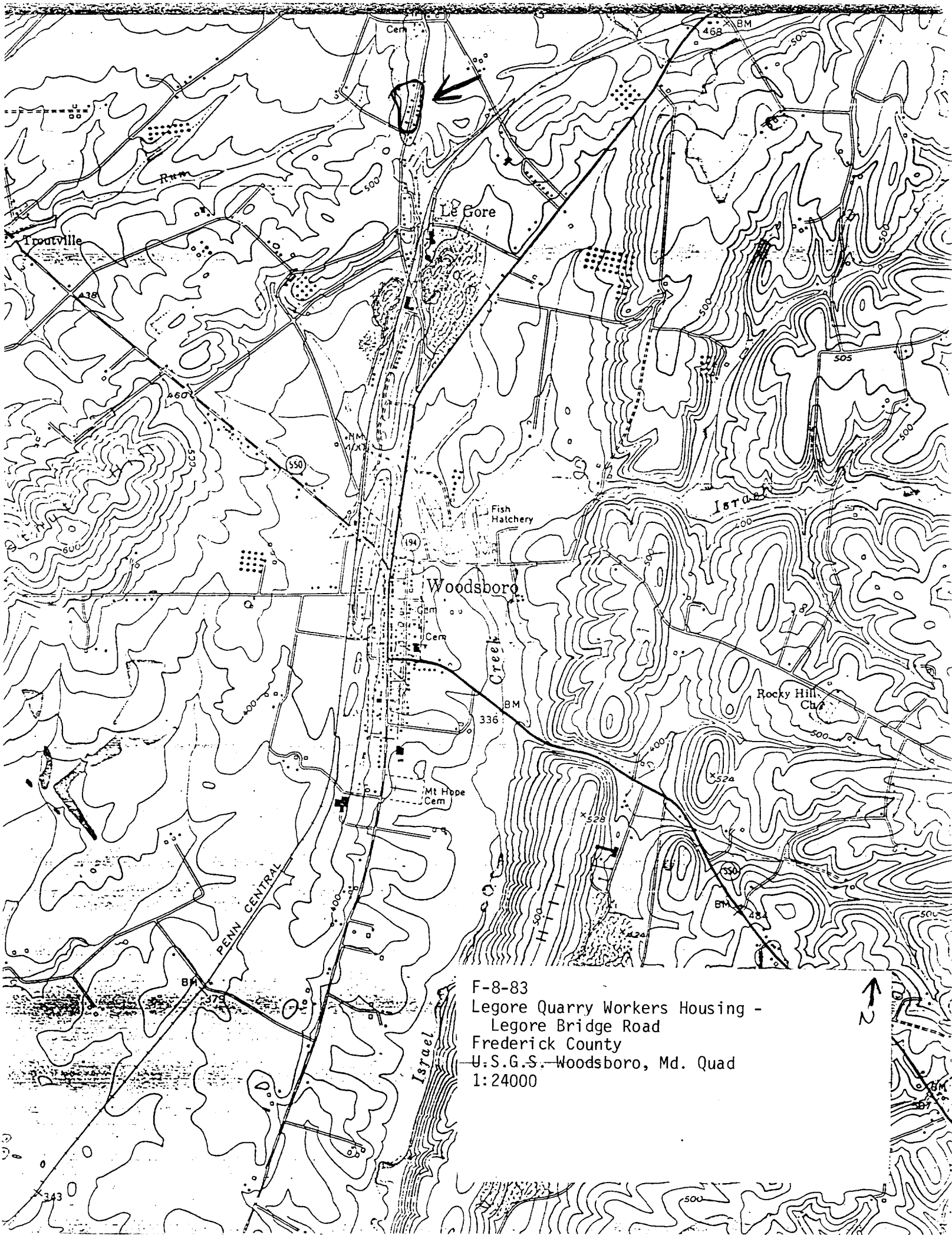
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## 8.1 Significance

The Legore Quarry Workers Housing - Legore Bridge Road is one of 4 groups of company housing associated with the Legore Quarry, established in 1861. Each group has different types of houses and floor plans. The Legore Bridge Road group is unique among the housing for the two floor plans, and apparently different building periods. The reason may be related to their occupants status within the company or fluctuations in company fortunes. Architecturally, the frame houses reflect vernacular housing commonly found in rural areas in the late 19th century and the brick four-square houses also are typical dwelling houses of the early 20th century. The defining factors in these houses is their unified siting, original materials, plans, and use.

The Legore Bridge Road workers housing was compared architecturally to rural and small town vernacular dwellings in Frederick County. No other area of the county is known at this time to have comparable "company towns" of the late 19th and 20th centuries. Although workers houses near the Catoclin Furnace undoubtedly exist, they are loosely organized and do not have the immediate visual distinction as provided industrial living quarters as the several groups of quarry housing. The Legore housing groups need more research into their construction, relation to the quarries' operating history, and architectural description and floor plans of the interiors.





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U.S.G.S. Woodsboro, Md. Quad  
1:24000





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General view from north, brick houses on east  
side of road

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General view from north from houses on west  
side of road

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Representative frame house type - 11914 Legore  
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Rd.

Frederick County

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Representative brick house type - 11915 Legore  
Bridge Rd.

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